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French President [Emmanuel Macron](#) called for a “new international order” during his speech at the Sant’Egidio International Meeting for Peace in Paris yesterday and spoke of “rethinking” relations with Russia amidst the war in Ukraine.

Macron, president of France since 2017, said that he wanted a new order to maintain peace on the continent and around the world.

“We try to walk with this European political community but we will have to think of a new form of organization of Europe and rethink our relationship to Russia,” he said.

“In the same way as you said we have to build a new international order, is undoubtedly the greatest challenge of the moment because our order today is incomplete and unjust.”

He added: “We need to think about the world in a new form. It is necessary to take into account the geographical reality of Europe, which is not limited to either the [EU](#) or, most definitely, [NATO](#). We need to think about a new form of organization of Europe and rethink relations with Russia in the future, as well as peace on this continent,” according to [Oreanda News](#).

The French president noted how the current world order was created after World War II and is “incomplete” because it did not take into account climate change, the technological revolution, or other future world changes.

Macron said that a new model needed to take into account equal representation for all European nations and consider larger peacebuilding tactics.

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French President Emmanuel Macron speaking at the International Meeting for Peace in Paris on September 22. Macron spoke about creating a "new international order" and "rethinking relations with Russia" amid the war in Ukraine in... Thibault Camus/Associated Press

Newsweek reached out to the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs for comment via a form on their website.

Russia's Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov responded to Macron's speech. "Obviously, as the security architecture of Europe is changing by leaps and bounds, it is necessary to build it anew. The whole system of international relations is changing," he said, according to the Russian news agency Tass.



Peskov also reportedly emphasized that the building of the new world order would be of particular interest to the Kremlin as it would ensure Russia's legitimate security interest.

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Newsweek also reached out to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for comment via email outside of business hours.

Macron initially received criticism for his comments on Russia, [specifically when he said](#), "We must not humiliate Russia so that the day when the fighting stops we can build an exit ramp through diplomatic means," in 2022.

The French president also provided Ukraine with missiles, armored vehicles, and anti-aircraft missiles in April, and has [spoken of sending French soldiers to aid the war effort in Ukraine](#).

Tensions between France and Russia ramped up this summer when Macron pushed for Western support of Ukraine through NATO, Paris revoked Russia's invitation to participate to D-Day celebrations, and [several other incidents](#).

The Sant'Egidio International Meeting for Peace in Paris, running from September 22 through September 24, is a convention that promotes "peace and solidarity between religions and cultures" and "aims to create a peaceful future, where the audacity to build bridges prevails over the fear of division."